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## SBC Aging Conference Oct. 23-25

NASHVILLE (BP) — The first Southern Baptist Conference on the Aging, an event sparked by a resolution at the 1973 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Portland by a 23-year-old seminarian, will be held here Oct. 23-25, 1974.

The conference, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Inter-Agency Council, will involve 225 invited participants who will develop guidelines to aid SBC agencies, state conventions, associations and churches as they develop ministries for and with senior adults.

Purpose of the conference is to increase denominational awareness of the problems of aging and the aged, to provide an information base from which SBC agencies and state conventions may act in the future and to present some guidelines for developing future programs and projects.

The conference will also seek to clarify the responsibilities of SBC agencies and state conventions in meeting the needs of senior adults.

A group of students, led by Gary Cook, then a second-year master of divinity candidate at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, initiated the proceedings last June with a resolution at the annual SBC meeting. The SBC passed a resolution asking the SBC Executive Committee "to do a feasibility study on the need for a major survey of present and future ministry to and with senior adults and to take appropriate action."

The Executive Committee referred the matter to the Inter-Agency Council last September and the Inter-Agency Council, in its meeting last January, authorized a special committee to plan the conference.

The man who first advised Cook to take his concern to the convention in the form of a resolution, Albert McCellan, chairs the special committee to plan and conduct the conference.

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## Court Not To Hear Private School Case

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U.S. Supreme Court let stand a decision by two lower courts in the case of a private, religious school in Alabama whose tax-exempt status has been challenged by the Internal Revenue Service.

The school, Crenshaw Christian Academy, has been threatened with the loss of its tax-exempt status because it refuses to state publicly that it will admit black students. The five-year-old school has never had a black student but claims that no blacks have applied for admission.

While claiming to be non-denominational, the academy's statement of purpose at the time of its incorporation declared that the school was being opened "for students and parents who object to the constitutional prohibitions against prayer, Bible reading, religious study and other activities of the Christian faith in public schools."

In January, 1969, shortly after the school was opened, the IRS issued a letter granting tax-exempt status to

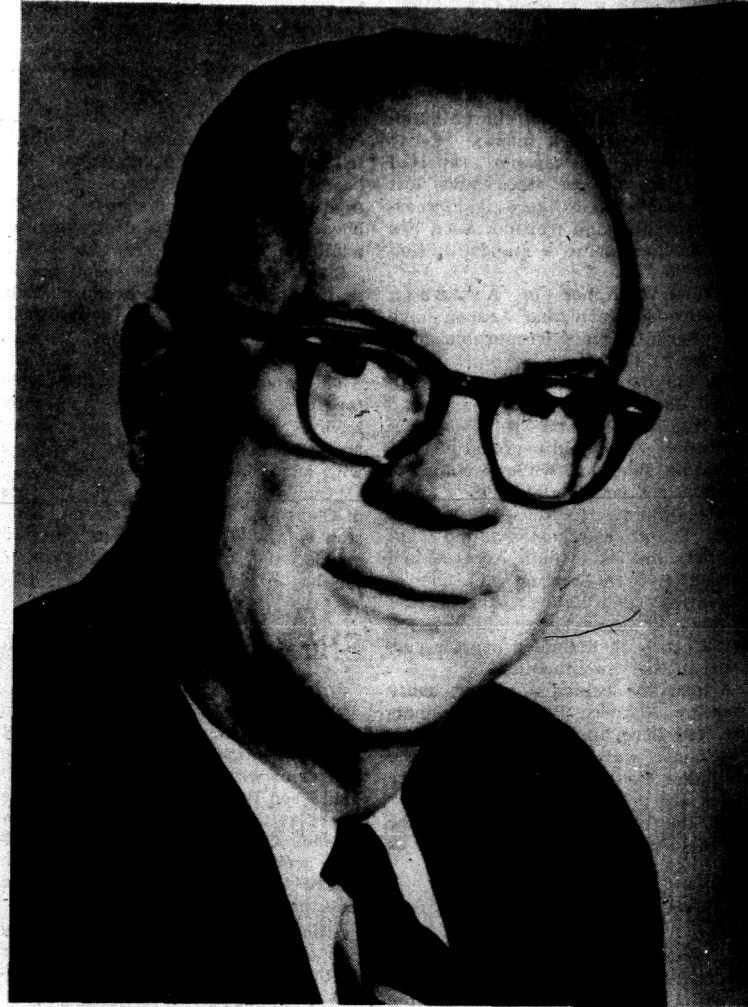
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## 'Christianity Today' Has Editorial For President

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Christianity Today, the evangelical fortnightly published here, has urged President Nixon to repent privately and then publicly ask forgiveness from the people of America for his "moral delinquency."

In the lead editorial in its June 7 issue, the magazine also says that it would be better for the President to be either impeached or acquitted by Congress than for him to resign from office.

The editorial, titled "Should Nixon Resign?", declares that "whether guilty or innocent of impeachable offenses — 'treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors' — he bears the ultimate responsibility for what Watergate has come to stand for."



DR. OWEN COOPER

## Take Stand Against Gambling

## Baptists Denounce Religious Prejudice

DALLAS (RNS) — Reiterating their firm stand against gambling, Texas Southern Baptist officials denounced recent attacks against them by proponents of pari-mutuel gambling.

The 162-member Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas issued a statement at its quarterly meeting, scoring the "cheap attempts of gambling proponents to arouse religious prejudice against Baptists."

Their statement came in response to a charge by Joe Straus, Jr., finance co-chairman of a group endorsing pari-mutuel betting, that the Baptist position was "blackmail."

He claimed the Baptists' position "can be viewed only as a bully tactic to impose their moral beliefs on generations of Texans to come."

A non-binding referendum on pari-mutuel betting was defeated by voters on May 4 by a 3 to 2 majority.

The Baptist statement criticized gambling proponents for their attacks on three top Baptist leaders who have taken strong anti-gambling stands. They are Dr. James H. Landes, chief executive officer of the Texas Baptist organization; Dr. Ralph Smith, convention president, and Dr. John J. Hurt, editor of the Baptist Standard.

Charges against the Baptist leaders reveal that pro-gambling forces "are ignoring the fact that many people from all walks of life and religious persuasion joined Baptist in resistance to the pari-mutuel push," the statement said. "The opposition is not based on a narrow sectarian morality but on a clear evidence of obviously destructive social consequences which result from legalized gambling."

"It would be tragic for legislators to ignore the political realities voiced

## SUPREME COURT DECLINES TO HEAR OBSCENITY CASE FROM LOUISIANA

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U.S. Supreme Court declined to grant a hearing to the state of Louisiana in a petition to have the high court review the constitutionality of its obscenity law.

Louisiana brought charges against the operators of four theaters and book stores for displaying and selling allegedly obscene matter. The movies under challenge are two X-rated films, "The Stewardesses" and "Last Tango in Paris."

In a series of trial court proceedings in Shreveport, the state obtained convictions against all the accused. Among those who alleged that the films were obscene in the local trial were persons representing a men's Bible class from a nearby church who had viewed one of the films.

The defendants brought suit before the Louisiana Supreme Court, challenging the constitutionality of the state's obscenity law on grounds that it was too broad and vague. The court agreed with the defendants, holding that the Louisiana statute failed to meet the requirements for local obscenity regulations as stipulated in last year's Supreme Court ruling in Miller v. California.

at the polls recently," the Baptist statement said. "We are astounded that the gambling proponents who caused the statewide vote on pari-mutuel gambling during the Constitutional Convention now want to ignore it."

"We can understand the utter frustration of those who have lost millions of dollars of potential profits.

## Mississippian To Be In Chair For SBC In Dallas

A well and widely-known Mississippian, Dr. Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, will be in the president's chair when the one hundred seventeenth session of the Southern Baptist Convention gets underway Tuesday morning, June 11 in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Cooper will be presiding over his second annual session of the Convention, which has participating churches in every state in the Union.

He was elected at the convention's annual session in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1972. According to custom, this will be his last session, as the convention usually elects a new president after the current one has served a second term.

He is the first layman to serve as president since 1959 when the Hon. Brooks Hays, former Congressman from Arkansas, served as president.

Mr. Cooper is also the third native Mississippian to serve as president and the first Mississippian to be listed in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual as being from Mississippi.

The other two, Dr. Carl E. Bates, is listed as being from North Carolina, and Dr. E. Y. Mullins is listed as being from Kentucky at the time each served as president.

Mr. Cooper will therefore be listed in the convention annual for posterity as the first president from Mississippi.

One of the highlights of the convention will be the president's address, to be delivered at 10:15 on the opening morning of the meeting.

More than 800 Mississippians are expected to attend the Dallas session which will be held in Grand Hall of the Convention Center in downtown Dallas.

Another Mississippi highlight for the initial session of the convention will be presentation of special music at the very beginning at 9:15 by two huge choirs from the First Baptist Baptist Church in Jackson under direction of Larry Black, minister of music of the church.

The two choirs to sing will be the

youth choir, known as The Revelation, and the sanctuary choir.

Other Mississippians will be participating during the convention, serving on committees, taking part in discussion and in other capacities.

Mississippi members of committees that will report to the convention are as follows: Boards, Rev. Bobby Perry, Moss Point, and Ralph Hester, Jackson.

The convention's Executive Committee will meet just prior to the convention. Mississippi members are: Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg; Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg, and James H. Anderson, of Mississippi State University.

Several related meetings will be held just prior to and following the convention, which will adjourn at 9:30 Thursday evening following an address by Dr. Billy Graham.

There will be no Wednesday afternoon session.

Women's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the convention, will meet Sunday evening in the Arena beginning at 7:00 and continue its meetings through Monday evening.

Mrs. Robert Smira, Jackson, president of the state Baptist WMU, is by virtue of her office a vice-president of Southern Baptist WMU.

Mrs. James Fancher, of Mississippi will speak twice at the WMU meeting, Monday morning on "Beyond the Ironing Board," and Monday afternoon on "To The End of Her Heartstrings."

Mrs. Fancher writes the column, "Beyond the Ironing Board," for the Baptist Record.

The Pastors' Conference will begin its meeting with a Spectacular, to be held in Grand Hall beginning Sunday at 6:30 p.m. and closing Monday evening.

Rev. Larry Kennedy, of Amory will pronounce the benediction at the close of the Sunday night session.

The Religious Education Association will be held in the Baker Hotel beginning Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and closing at 9:00 p.m. Monday.

Miss Evelyn George, associate in the State Church Training Department, will serve as a convener at a conference Monday morning.

The Ministers' Wives group will meet at the First Baptist Church on Tuesday. Mrs. Maurice Clayton of Jackson is the president for 1975.

The Conference of Superintendents of Missions will meet at the same church on Monday with Dr. Cooper to speak on "The Fruits of Togetherness."

The Church Music Conference will meet Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock at the Park Cities Baptist Church for a service of praise and then again Monday morning at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel at 8:00. Adjournment is set for 9:35 that evening.

Dr. Donald Winters, dean of the school of music, William Carey Col-

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## State Native Named Brazil Field Man

RICHMOND (BP) — Raymond L. Kolb, former Mississippian, missionary to Brazil for 30 years, has been named field representative for Brazil by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The action came in the board's May meeting here.

As a field representative, Kolb will provide a personal link between the board and about 280 missionaries in Brazil. He will assume the new responsibilities July 1. Kolb and his wife have been stationed in Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, where he has been a professor of theology at the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary since 1966.

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1944, Kolb first joined the seminary faculty in 1950, but six years later he became director of the Baptist Industrial Institute in Corrente, Piaui, Brazil.

A native of Blue Springs, Miss., Kolb was graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, with the bachelor of arts degree and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., with the master and doctor of theology degrees. Prior to missionary appointment he was pastor of churches in Mississippi and Kentucky.

Mrs. Kolb is the former Martha Ann Cochran of Dublin, Ga. She was graduated from Furman University, Greenville, S.C., with the bachelor of arts degree and from Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now merged with Southern Seminary) with the master of religious education degree.

John R. Cheyne, missionary to Africa for 20 years, has been named field representative for Eastern Africa.

## SBC Promotion Coordinating Planner Named

NASHVILLE (BP) — Lynn M. Davis Jr., manuscript analyst at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named coordinated promotion planning coordinator for the Southern Baptist Convention.

Coordinated promotion planning is a process through which Southern Baptist Convention and state convention program leaders cooperate in promoting selected denominational emphases, goals and projects to assist the churches.

As coordinator, Davis will work with all the agencies which cooperate within the SBC Inter-Agency Council and relay the yearly emphasis to the executive secretaries and staffs of each Baptist state convention.

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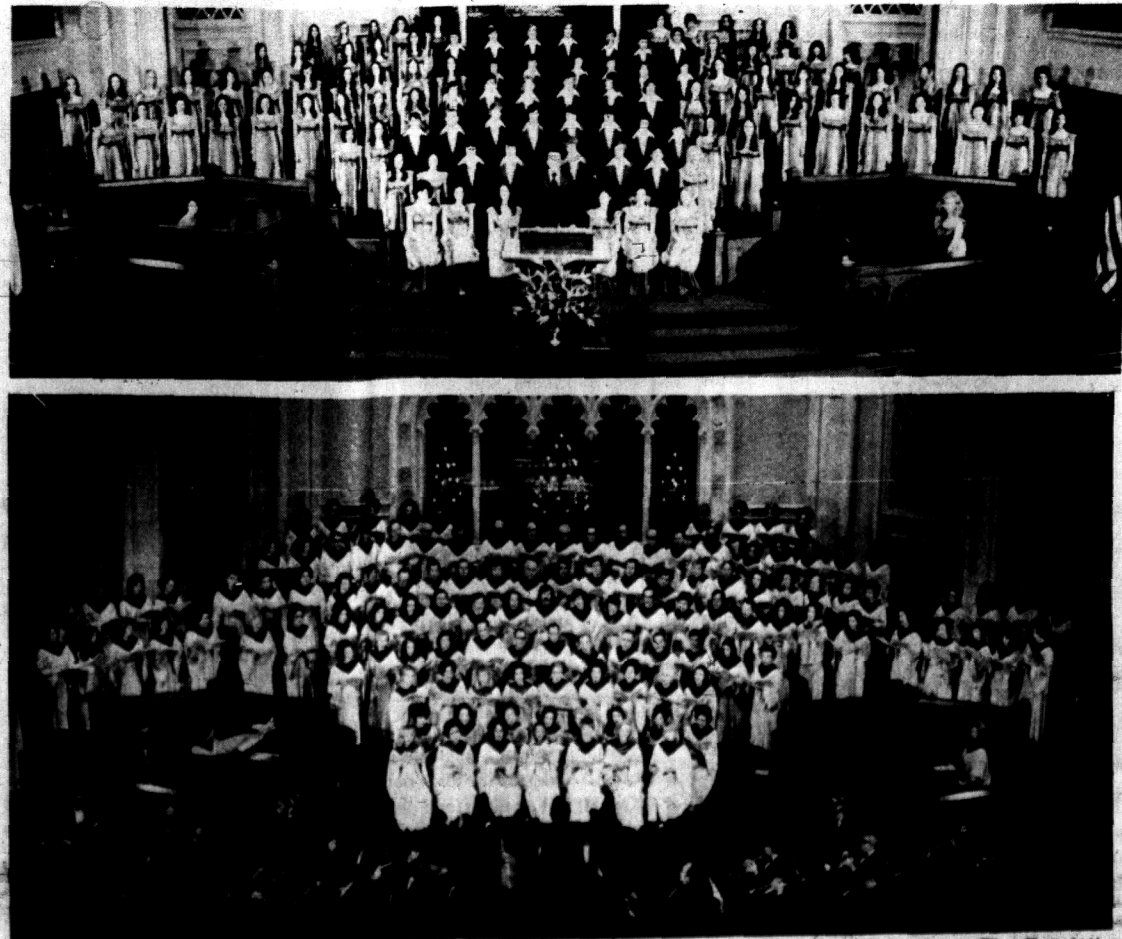
## Churches Related To FMB Could Hit Million Mark

RICHMOND, Va. — Baptist churches overseas related to Foreign Mission Board work will have one million members by 1977 if they continue a current five-year trend of baptizing over 50,000 people a year.

If this growth continues through the end of the century, there will be two million members by the year 2000. In 1973 alone, there were over 62,000 overseas baptisms.

Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division, sees this as "an indication of the phenomenal opportunity that Southern Baptists face overseas today. It would be very difficult to overstate the challenge that this source of responsiveness presents to us."

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TWO CHOIRS, both from First Baptist Church of Jackson, under direction of Larry Black, minister of music, will present special music at the opening session of the SBC in Dallas. (Top photo shows The Revelation youth choir, with Sanctuary choir seen just above).



## Flood Damages In Brazil Include Baptist Property

FORTALEZA, Brazil (BP)—Recent devastating floods in the state of Ceara damaged church buildings, perhaps irreparably, and destroyed the homes of Baptist families in the area, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Jerald E. Golston.

Golston said that 33 counties were under water and Aracati, a city of 20,000, was completely evacuated for more than two weeks. Six feet of water stood in a Baptist church building for more than a month.

A Brazilian newspaper reported that 112,000 in the state have lost their homes. That figure is increasing every day and transportation has just about come to a standstill, Golston said.

Baptist churches in Aracati, Limoeiro do Norte and Acarau have all suffered perhaps irreparable damage, he said.

The Baptist board in Ceara has collected food, clothing, medicine and money to aid Christian families without homes, work and personal effects.

Golston said that while a complete list was not yet available, they know that ten Baptist families in Limoeiro do Norte lost their homes as did eight Baptist families in both Aracati and Sobral, five in Acarau and one in Jaguaribe. Over half are agricultural workers who now have neither a job nor a prospect of finding one for perhaps another two months.

A landslide behind a retreat house used by Southern Baptist missionaries near here buried 13 people alive. The house wasn't damaged, but the caretaker has evacuated since more slides are probable, Golston said.

All the cities along the Jaguaribe River suffered damage with up to 22

feet of water pouring over the floodgates of the Oros Dam for more than two weeks. Golston said that if the dam breaks an entire valley would be destroyed.

An estimated one million head of beef stock have drowned in the flood and many crops have been destroyed, Golston said. The nation fears epidemics will follow when the water goes down, he added.

More than 100 Ceara dams and reservoirs have reportedly been broken. In Sobral, where the city square has been flooded four times by the Acarau River destroying 2,000 houses, a dam broke destroying an additional 200 homes, reports said.

Six Christian families are living in the church in Sobral because their homes were completely demolished. Sobral has 15,000 homeless, Golston noted.

The government is providing tents for some of the homeless, but many have remained in camps under trees and others have come here to stay with acquaintances, he continued.

"Our work here needs the prayers of Christians around the world," Golston said. "We are perhaps entering one of the most difficult years in the history of our state."

### SBC Promotion - - -

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"Lynn Davis is well qualified to represent the various agencies of the convention in coordinating the programs with the state conventions," said Fred B. Mosley, chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the Inter-Agency Council and assistant executive secretary of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. "We are pleased that he is in this position."

Prior to coming to the Sunday School Board, Davis served as editor of the Ohio Baptist Messenger, Baptist state paper, for nearly five years. Earlier, he was state student secretary for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. From 1960 - 62, he was assistant director of public relations at New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary and editor of Vision magazine, a student publication.

In 1963, Davis joined the Sunday School Board's office of public relations as supervisor of the information section, chief of the Baptist Press bureau at the board and associate editor of Facts and Trends. He became manuscript analyst in October, 1972.

A native of Jacksonville, Fla., Davis received the bachelor of fine arts degree from Ohio University, Athens, and the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

"His experience and background in religious education and in working with state conventions makes Lynn an excellent choice for this important denomination," states Morton Rose, Davis' supervisor in the board's church services and mate-



### Barrett Honored For 40 Years In Ministry

Rev. Q. C. Barrett, left, was recently honored during the GREATER PETAL CRUSADE for 40 years service to the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He began his preaching ministry in 1932. He has served as pastor of Richburg, 28th Avenue, North 31st, Good Hope, and Runkelstown. He has been the pastor now of Greens Creek in Petal, for the past 28 years. Mr. Barrett's church presented him with a beautiful mounted plaque expressing appreciation for his service. He is pictured with Evangelist Jerry Mixon.

### SBC Aging - - -

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McClellan, program planning secretary and associate executive secretary of the Executive Committee, will coordinate invitations to those with responsibilities for ministries for or with senior adults, who are interested in attending, as long as space is available.

Participants will include persons from SBC agencies, state conventions, Baptist homes for the aging, certain local church staff members and representative older persons.

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lege, will be timekeeper at the Monday afternoon session. He will also be convener for the music and worship emphasis.

A series of conferences directed by leading Southern Baptist executives and program specialists will be offered for Baptist lay persons and their pastors Friday at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas following adjournment of the convention.

The 90-minute conferences on seven different subjects will follow a breakfast address by Gerald Ford, vice president of the United States, on the conference theme, "Challenge of Christian Involvement."

ials division. "He also has personal skills in communications and a commitment to the total work of Southern Baptists."

"Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and director of program planning for the SBC Executive Committee, pointed out that 'although Davis will be employed by the Sunday School Board, he will work for all the SBC agencies when dealing with the state conventions.'"

"His background is tremendous for what he is about to do," McClellan added.

## Church Training In 8 Months Tops Record Of Last Year

Mississippi has already exceeded in every category of the Church Training Achievement Guide its total attainments for last year, according to Kermit S. King, Department Director.

Six churches have already qualified for Distinguished Recognition, the highest award. During 1973 - 74 there were five for the entire year.

These select churches this year are Friendship, Pike, Meadowood, Monroe, Oakland, Alcorn, First Pearl, Rankin, Northside, Union County, First, Sardis.

Twenty-four churches have qualified for Advanced Recognition. There were seventeen during the twelve months of last year.

Forty-one churches have qualified for Merit Recognition compared to a

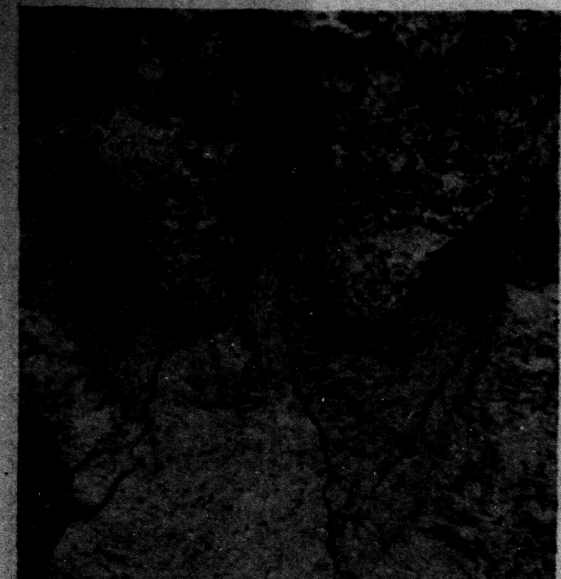
total of 28 for the entire year 1973-74. These forty-one participating churches are spread over 23 associations. Three associations tie for honors, each with four qualifying churches. These are Jones, Marion, and Walthall.

Churches which have received recognition since the last report appeared in The Baptist Record are New Hope and Calvary, Lawrence; Salem, Centerville, Lexie, and Tyler-town, Walthall; First Columbia and East Columbia, Marion; First Oxford, Lafayette; First Natchez, Adams; Oakland, Alcorn; First Pearl, Rankin; First Columbus, Lowndes; Van Winkle, Hinds; Madison; Belden, Lee; First Newton, Newton; First Glendale, Lebanon; First Yazoo, City, Yazoo; and First, Sardis.



### Cooper Receives Honorary Doctorate

CAMPBELLSVILLE, Ky. — Dr. W. R. Davenport, president of Campbellsville College, (right) congratulates Dr. Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention after conferring the honorary Doctor of Laws degree during Commencement exercises Sunday, May 12. Rev. D. M. Aldridge, president of Clear Creek Baptist School at Pineville, Ky. received the Doctor of Divinity degree.



A well-preserved example of a 3-toed dinosaur track. Many three-toed tracks can be seen along the Paluxy in the Glen Rose, Texas area.



Scientists gathered at Glen Rose, Texas to evaluate the man-like tracks found by the FFC research team. Names from left to right: Mark Turnage, Dr. Douglas Block, professor of geology at Rock Valley College, Marvin Herrmann, FFC team, John Morris, civil engineer, Mike Turnage, biologist, Stan Taylor (kneeling), director of FFC team, Dr. Henry Morris, director of the Institute for Creation Research, Dr. Gerald Haddock, professor of geology at Wheaton College, James Ware, biologist, Dana Dye, Harold Slusher, professor of geophysics and director of Kidd Seismological Observatory at Univ. of Texas at El Paso, Dr. Paul Wright, professor of geology and chemistry at Wheaton College (now retired), Dr. Clifford Burdick, consulting geologist, Tucson, Arizona and Marian Taylor with the FFC team.



Stan Taylor kneels at a point where a trail of 18 inch man tracks crosses a trail of 3-toed dinosaur tracks at right angles. The man track and dinosaur track to which Taylor points are only 17 inches apart. These tracks were found under a 9 inch stratum of limestone covered by six to ten feet of earth. Sun-baked cracks formed in the original mud (now turned to stone) join the man and dinosaur footprints, indicating that both man and dinosaur passed through the area within a short time of one another.



This picture shows the impression left in the mud (now limestone) by a 16 inch human foot. The outline of all 5 toes is visible.

(All photos above courtesy 1974 films For Christ Asso.)

## Discovery Of Dinosaur And Human Tracks Near Each Other Supports Bible Record Of Creation

The discovery of both human and dinosaur tracks near Glen Rose, Texas, is a significant affirmation of the Bible record of creation, according to many scientists.

The discovery of both human and dinosaur tracks in the same rock stratum in the Paluxy River bed is documented in the motion picture, "Footprints in Stone," produced by Films for Christ Association of Elmhurst, Ill.

Evolutionists say the dinosaurs died out at the end of the Cretaceous period about 70 million years ago and that the dinosaur tracks found in Texas were made

120 million years ago. They also date man at about 1 million years, according to the association. However, when the tracks of both man and dinosaur are found in the same Cretaceous rock stratum, the accepted evolution-oriented geologic time table as well as the neo-Darwinian system is brought into serious question.

The Biblical account of creation states that man and animals were all created by God during the Divine Creation Week with man and air-breathing land animals being created on the 6th day.

Well known scientists have studied the fossil footprints and state that they appear to be man tracks.

Several of the scientists are seen and identified in one of four accompanying photos. "Footprints in Stone" has been shown in many churches as well as high schools and universities and plans are underway to televise the film during 1974.

Films For Christ Association rents "Footprints in Stone" for \$25.00 per showing. The Association's school division provides the film free for showings in public high schools during school hours.

All orders should be sent to the Films For Christ national headquarters on North Eden Road, Elmhurst, Illinois 61529. Phone No. (309) 555-7266.

### Could Hit Million

## Churches Related To The FMB

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During each of the past two decades, overseas church membership has almost doubled. The period from 1953 to 1963 showed an 87 percent increase when membership grew from more than 195,000 to almost 365,000. From 1963 to 1973, an increase of 121 percent brought the membership to more than 807,000.

If the momentum of doubling every decade is maintained, two million members would be possible by 1987 with four million by 2000.

Most of the work is being done by nationals, according to Ronald C. Hill, missionary to Thailand who compiled the statistics. He is working on

the board's Richmond staff as an associate to the consultant on evangelism during his current furlough. There are 5,884 national pastors and 6,907 national churches.

"However, the fact that these decades of growth parallel a doubling of the missionary force between 1953 and 1963 and a further 40 percent increase in missionary staff between 1963 and 1973 points up the vital role of the missionary," Hill said.

Baptist church membership grew by seven percent in 1973 in countries where Southern Baptists have missionaries. The 1973 Southern Baptist growth rate as 1.9 percent.

Although some countries show "al-

most no growth at all, several eastern African countries are growing at a rate of 16 percent to 60 percent a year. In Southeast Asia, churches in South Vietnam grew almost 38 percent, the Philippines, 22 percent, and Indonesia, 18 percent.

The ratio of baptisms to church members further indicates the overseas growth. There was one baptism for every 12 church members in 1973 overseas while the ratio for Southern Baptists was one to every 29 members.

The ratio of baptisms to church members has increased in recent years overseas. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, there was one baptism for every nine or ten church members.

Hill sees some danger signals in a slight slowdown. "As constituencies get larger, the tendency is to have more inactive members and to have a smaller percentage involved in witnessing," he said. "Unless those baptized into the church are mobilized and trained for witnessing, the growth rate will not continue although we may win more numerically."

Hill said that the Foreign Mission Board could respond to the challenge by doing several things including encouraging missionaries and national churches and countries to set realistic but challenging goals so as not to be satisfied with minimal growth.

There was no period after the "S" in Harry Truman's name, according to Mr. Truman. The initial did not stand for anything. It could stand for either Solomon or Shippe, the names of his two grandfathers, but his parents could not decide which name to give him. Actually he could have called himself "Swinomish," if he liked, the name having been conferred on him by a tribe of American Indians.



### Annuity Board President Visits Jackson

Dr. Darold Morgan, president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Dallas, was in the Baptist Building in Jackson for a conference and while here witnessed the "signing up" of two young Mississippians for the Annuity Board programs by W. R. Roberts, state representative for the Board. Seated, left, seated: Rev. Bill Renick, pastor LeMoyné Blvd. Baptist Chapel, Miami, and Tim Rayborn, youth director, Monticello church. Standing: Dr. Morgan and Mr. Roberts.

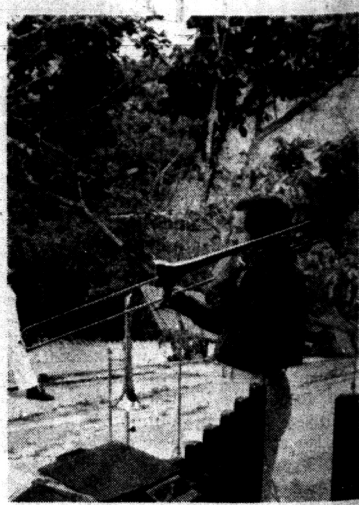




The Singing Churchmen in front of a church in Rio, with Missionary Bill Ichter, director of Church Music for Brazilian Baptists. Left to right: Ernie Collins, Graham Smith, Ralph Thomason, Alan Celoria, Lloyd Mims, Dan Hall, Mr. Ichter, Perry Robinson, James Hayes, Ron Rainer, Jim Young, Jimmy Bilbo, Truitt Roberts, Dean Hunter, John McNair, Bill Sellers, J. T. Hannaford, and Allyn Moore.



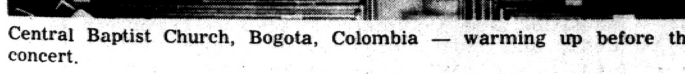
Dan Hall leads singing at Campo Grande Church, Rio.



Ernie Collins of Tupelo plays the trombone at the Baptist seminary near Caracas, Venezuela.



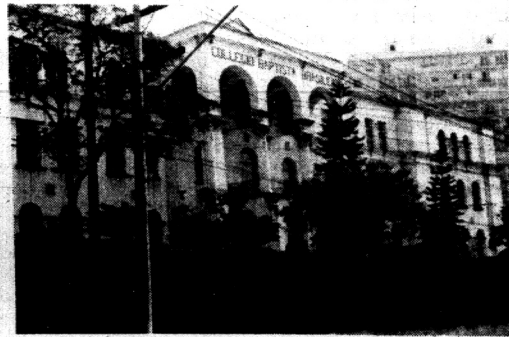
Brasilia — capital of Brazil. Right tower, House of Representatives; left, the Senate.



Central Baptist Church, Bogota, Colombia — warming up before the concert.



Missionaries in area of Recife.



The Baptist School in Sao Paulo (first grade through high school).



Most of the Mississippi Singing Churchmen gather at the base of the Christ the Redeemer Statue overlooking Rio.

## Singing Churchmen Get Warm Reception In South America

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

An eighteen-voice touring group of "Mississippi Singing Churchmen" has just completed an eleven-day "singing-witnessing" tour of three South American countries — Brazil, Colombia, and Venezuela. During the six-day program in five different Brazilian cities, the churchmen were heard by more than 10,000 people in the overflowing auditorium of six churches, two high schools, one Catholic university, one cultural center, and one Baptist seminary. In addition they recorded a concert program in color for TV Bandeirante in Sao Paulo, a program that is to be telecast nationwide.

The singing-witnessing tour to Brasilia, Recife, Sao Paulo, and Rio de Janeiro in Brazil was coordinated by missionary Bill H. Ichter, director of the Church Music Department for Brazilian Baptists. Said Mr. Ichter: "The broad smile, the friendly handshake (which before the tour conclud-

ed had turned into a warm Brazilian hug), and willingness to stop and take time to talk with everyone, helped to make this tour an enormous success. The tour did much to establish a positive image among Brazilians of Mississippi and Missisippians. The men were truly Good Will Ambassadors from Mississippi to Brazil. They were not only superb as they represented Christ through their singing, but were outstanding as they represented the state of Mississippi and especially Miss. Baptists. For thirty minutes or more after each program, people crowded around the men, asking them to autograph Bibles, hymnals, and programs.

Dan Hall, director of the choir and secretary of the Church Music Department, MBCB, said that although the men expected a warm welcome, the reception at each program exceeded anything they could ever imagine.

Mr. Hall and Bill Sellers of the Baptist Record staff, one of the Singing Churchmen who made the tour, were

last week discussing some of their impressions.

Dan: You can hear and read about missions, but there is nothing like seeing the work of missionaries and meeting the people of other countries firsthand. Our greatest impressions were from Brazil. They are a loving and lovable people. We saw the extremes of luxury and poverty.

Bill: There are both classes in the churches—rich and poor, and Christianity bridges the gap between the two.

Dan: Christians of Brazil do not take their Christianity or their church membership lightly. They are dedicated, working Christians, and those who do not act like Christians, their daily living may be dismissed from the church.

Bill: Yes, they are understanding of each other's mistakes, don't you think? They show compassion for each other.

Dan: Yes. It seems that the family unit in Brazil is strong, too.

Bill: Evidently the Brazilian people love music, for they were very responsive to these concerts. The medium of music is an open avenue for reaching people!

Dan: Another thing—we came away with a new appreciation of the missionaries, of their struggles and their dedication.

On Monday morning, May 6, the 18 Singing Churchmen boarded a plane in Jackson, and 18 hours later arrived in Brasilia.

Their first concert was to around 800 people at Templo Memorial, a Baptist church in Brasilia that has a modern and very beautiful building, and where Dr. Freidas, an eye, ear, nose, and throat doctor, is music director.

In Brazil, the choir sang about half their numbers in Portuguese and half in English. (Later in Colombia and Venezuela they sang part of the concert in Spanish.) Their repertoire always included "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," and also "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Other numbers varied from concert to concert. Mr. Hall said that they included many spirituals in their concerts, because the singing of spirituals is especially popular in Brazil and had been requested. (Ernie Collins played "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" on his trombone at practically every concert.)

They sang at a school in Brasilia for the children of diplomats (32 nationalities were represented). Not too sure what their reception would be in this school, the Churchmen were gratified when the students listened with quiet attention and applauded vigorously.

In Recife they sang at a Catholic University to an appreciative audience of about 500. They sang at the North Brazil Baptist Seminary, also in Recife. There they saw Mississippi missionaries, Edd and Freda Trott, who had ridden a bus four hours one way to see and hear them.

The Mississippi group carried gifts of music paper, tape recorders, electronic equipment, etc. to many of the churches and missionaries they visited.

Thursday night, May 9, they sang at the Capunga Church in Recife, to a packed house of about 1500. Afterward they gathered in Fred Spann's home for refreshments and fellowship and some music by the MK's.

Friday they flew to Sao Paulo. At the Baptist High School they ate lunch and presented a concert.

Friday night they sang to a packed house at the Brazilian-American Cultural Center, to about 650 people.

Saturday morning they were on the bus at 8 to take an hour's ride to the TV center. There they made a color video tape of about 15 minutes of music. A special program is to be broadcast over a national hook-up featuring music of the USA. This took two and one-half hours so they missed their flight to Rio at noon. However, the guide got them on the next flight.

They arrived in Rio Saturday afternoon, to be greeted by the most beautiful scenery yet—mountains and beaches and modern buildings and the statue of Christ the Redeemer—and to be greeted by their guide, Giuseppe, and the Bill Ichters.

After supper in a missionary home, they sang in a nearby community type Baptist church to a crowd of about 900. There were some distractions from outside, acoustical problems, and a pump organ for Jimmy Bilbo. However, the people were receptive.

On Sunday, Mother's Day, they sang in the Igreja Baptist Church in Rio to about 1000. In the afternoon they rode up the mountain to the sta-

tue of Christ the Redeemer, which is about 100 feet high. From the site of the statue, they sang the spiritual, "Climbin' Up the Mountain."

Sunday night they were in Campo Grande Church in Rio, and sang to "wall-to-wall" people. In auditorium said to hold 800, there must have been 1000 seated and 300 more standing in the aisles and around the walls. Here the audience was eager to sing along with the Churchmen and joined in eagerly when they sang in Portuguese.

When the men were boarding their bus to leave Rio and go to the airport, the people just did not want them to leave. They lined up on each side of the bus and along the street, singing, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." As they sang in Portuguese the Missisippians sang in English. As Mr. Hall said, "In Christ, we are made one."

The Singing Churchmen found many opportunities to witness. In at least one restaurant, they asked for and received permission to sing the Doxology as the blessing before their meal. Perhaps their richest experience in witnessing was their contact with their guide in Rio, Giuseppe was a young man of about 27, single, a Catholic. He attended all their concerts in Rio, and went out of his way to be nice to the Missisippians. He began to ask questions about their beliefs. They would answer his questions, and then go even further in explaining what their faith meant to them. At the statue of Christ the Redeemer, he was usually quiet during the singing of "Climbin' Up the Mountain, Chillun." Later he told Bill Sellers that his favorite of their songs was the one sung on the mountain.

The Bill Ichters were at the airport to see the men off and they gathered in the chapel for prayer and the song, "Sweet, Sweet Spirit." Mr. Ichter presented a Bible in Portuguese to Giuseppe (and to the bus driver) from the Singing Churchmen. Giuseppe had tears in his eyes as the choir boarded the plane. He had shown an active interest in the Christianity the singers professed.

Headed for Bogota and Caracas, they began work on their Spanish songs. Now they would be saying gracias instead of obrigado.

Monday night, May 13, they sang

for the Seminary Extension class of about 20 in the Central Baptist Church of Bogota, Colombia. Bogota, on a plateau in the mountains, is called "the pick-pocket capital of the world." The musicians found a cordial welcome from Missionary Jimmy Styles. They presented to him three tape recorders, to be used in his Bible teaching ministry. Tuesday night they sang again at the Central Church to about 80.

At Caracas they visited the campus of the nearby 20-student Baptist Seminary. Allyn Moore said that the campus on the mountain reminded him of Ridgecrest, except it is smaller. (Mr. Moore kept a log of the trip, and credit is due him for much info in this article.)

May 16, they gave their final concert of the tour at First United Christian Church, since the largest Baptist church in town was in a revival meeting. There were about 75 present.

In Caracas they visited the radio studio in a renovated house. Missionaries Larry Rice and George Lozuk are really excited about their radio ministry over a station of 500,000 watts a.m. reaching from Canada to Argentina. (In the states, 50,000 watts is considered a strong station.)

Mr. Moore said, "It will be no surprise if some of the 18 Mississippi Singing Churchmen hear and answer the call to foreign missions. No matter whether you sing in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, it has the same wonderful meaning, Jesus, Jesus Jesus!"

Fred Spann, Director of Sacred Music, North Brazil Seminary, Recife wrote of the Singing Churchmen:

"We were impressed with the professional quality of each voice, the relaxed, congenial manner of presentation, the variety and freshness of the musical selections, and the genuine friendliness of the group as a whole, especially with regard to the conversations after the programs. The people all went away knowing that the Christian religion is one of real happiness and joy emanating from within. You even opened up another door—the Catholic University has asked that the seminary choral group come sing a concert there next semester. The Lord worked and is working to win many to himself."

### Laurel DECCA Chapter Gives 10,000 Stamps

## The Record Helps Butch Surprise His Mother

The May 16 issue of the Baptist Record carried a letter from Butch Richardson, 10-year-old Bolivar County boy who wanted to give his mother a surprise Mother's Day gift—a trip home to England. He said she was saving S & H green stamps (and needed 200 books) to help pay her way, and that she had not been to England in nearly ten years. He felt sure that Baptist Record readers would want to help him surprise his mother. He was right. His faith in the Baptist Record and its readers was justified!

Last week the DECA Chapter from R. H. Watkins High School in Laurel delivered to the Baptist Record 10,000 green stamps to be given to Butch for his mother. Many, many others have responded to the article, too, as revealed in letters from Butch and his mother, printed below.

The DECA Chapter from the R. H. Watkins High School was recently named the No. 1 chapter in the nation. The 100-member chapter, part of a vocational sales and marketing education program, also placed first in the national photo contest. As a result, they won 10,000 green stamps. Going along with their theme, "Students Caring—Students Sharing," they decided that they would like to share the stamps with someone else, and voted to send them to Butch and his mother. As they do this, they issue a challenge to other youth, school and church organizations to participate and donate S & H green stamps to Butch.

Butch and his mother are members of Interstate Baptist Church.

Dear Baptist Record friends:

I want to thank the DECA club very much for the 10,000 green stamps they sent my mom. I am really looking forward to seeing their pictures in the Baptist Record. It was really nice of them to think of my mom. I hope she will get to go back to see her family, and because of their help and the help of others this will soon be made possible. You wouldn't believe all the stamps and other gifts she has received. The mailman really earns his money when he brings our mail!



Representatives of the DECA Chapter of R. H. Watkins High School Laurel, present 10,000 green stamps to Dr. Joe Odle, Baptist Record editor, to be sent to Butch Richardson. Left to right: Dewey Blackledge, coordinator; Billy Johnson, chapter president; Dr. Odle; Robin Sharp, DECA state treasurer; and Debbie Hinton, national southern regional vice-president.



The stamps can be changed for money as she can just send all the stamps in. Mom still needs a lot more stamps but I know that she will get all she needs. The Lord seems to have answered her prayer through you and other people who care. My mother's name is Caroline Lacey Richardson. But on the boat to America her friends started calling her Connie so that is what she goes by now. She married my father when he was stationed in England during the war. This is why she came and made her home here. You should hear some things she had to learn when she got here. She didn't even know what a piece of cornbread was. I know it must have been hard for her to adjust with none of her family here to turn to, but she did and now she is learning.

I love my mother a whole lot and I am glad that through my letter to the Baptist Record she will get to go home again.

I would like very much to thank

each one of you in person for the books of green stamps and other gifts you have sent to me to help. But since I know that is impossible I am writing to the Baptist Record to thank all of you. It is really great to know that there are people like you in the United States. All we hear about on television is about the bad people. But you have reassured me that there is still some good people in this world. If there is anything I can do to repay you for your kindness please let me know. God bless you all.

Your friend,  
Butch Richardson  
Rt. 1, Box 273  
Shaw, Ms. 38773

Dear Baptist Record friends:

Hi! This is Butch's mom and want to thank you and the many people who have responded to Butch's letter. Butch has received many books of stamps as well as loose stamps. I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am for all the kindness each one of you has shown to someone you don't know. I will never forget your kindness. God bless you all.

Your friend in Christ,  
Mrs. B. L. Richardson



### Tom Sawyer Attends SBC

Tom Sawyer will not be a voting messenger at the Southern Baptist Convention sessions but he will be attending as the guest of Hannibal-LaGrange College and President Gerald Martin, at right above. Hannibal-LaGrange is located in Hannibal, Missouri, just a few blocks from the area where the boyhood antics of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn actually took place. They will have as their Convention address the booth of Hannibal-LaGrange in the exhibit and bookstore area. Dean Forrest Hicks, left, invites churches to bring their youth groups to Hannibal-LaGrange and visit the Tom Sawyer area.



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## EDITORIAL

### What Makes A Church Great?

What makes a church great?  
A million dollar building, sprawling across acres of land?  
A site at the main corner of the city, where multitudes pass by?  
A Sunday school reaching thousands?  
A budget of hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars?  
A membership that includes the leading citizens of the community?

There is nothing wrong with any of these, and the church which has them, or even part of them, well may be classified as great.

Sometimes, however, these criteria are used as the measuring stick to determine whether or not a church is great, and that is a mistake. A church may not reach a single one of the above named standards, and still be a mighty church before the world, and in the sight of the Lord.

We were reminded of this on Sunday, May 21, when Mrs. Odle and I were invited to return to the East Baptist Church in Paducah, Ky., for an anniversary and homecoming observance. I had served as pastor of the church during the depression years, more than thirty years ago, and going back was an unforgettable experience. And out of it came some new convictions as to what makes a church great.

East Church in Paducah, never has stood at one of the most important corners of the city, for it is away both from the old downtown area, and the new shopping centers in the suburbs.

It is not surrounded by burgeoning new housing subdivisions, in the midst of which many new churches are being built today. East Church sits on the very same corner where it has stood for more than sixty years, in the center of an area of the neat, attractive homes of working people and those who have retired. The walls of the original brick building are still a part of the present plant.

The church does not have a magnificent new building, although it does have an adequate one, and through extensive recent remodeling, has made

its sanctuary one of the most attractive and worshipful to be found anywhere.

To a degree the church has been isolated from some major sections of the city by the locating of new highways, industrial and commercial developments, and other community development factors, yet people make their way to its doors from all over Paducah, and its buses move across a large area bringing people to the house of God.

The church has passed through some experiences which appeared at the time to condemn it to a slow death, or a very limited ministry, but it overcame them all, and is stronger today, and probably more effective in its ministry, than at any time in its history.

Numerous God - used men have served as pastors, and the present leader is one of the most dedicated and dynamic men that we know. The church is following his leadership, and is attempting and accomplishing great things for God.

Throughout its history the church has kept at the very heart of its ministry, the preaching of the gospel, and the program of seeking to win lost people to Jesus Christ. Never the largest church in the city, it always has been one of the leaders in the number of baptisms, and often has been in the top baptism lists of the state.

It never has had financial wealth, yet it has taught Bible stewardship, and its people have faithfully brought tithes and offerings, thus providing a broad-based budget program, with local needs met, and strong support given to world missions through the Cooperative Program and special offerings.

Emphasizing Bible teaching and the leadership of God in Christian lives, the church has seen God call from its fellowship twenty-five young preachers, to go forth to bless the world with their ministry.

Giving careful emphasis to the enlistment and development of spiritual leadership, it not only has seen its own needs met, but also has sent forth a continuous stream of trained, dedicated men and women to serve as dea-

cons, teachers and leaders in other churches.

Today there exists at East Baptist Church a spirit of faith and optimism, of love and fellowship, of evangelistic concern and spiritual power, and of dedication to Jesus Christ and his Word. Such a spirit gives promise that the greatest days of the church may yet be ahead of it.

As we returned for this homecoming, we assembled with friends among whom were those we had not seen in years. Some we had baptized more than a third of a century ago, and others we had married in those days now long gone. There were people we had worked with, prayed with, shared with, wept with and rejoiced with. There were even more newer members who had become part of the church in intervening years.

As we worshiped and fellowshiped with them, we knew that we were seeing a great church... a church that has come triumphantly through difficulties, and crises and trials... and has continued to grow, and to serve the Lord, and to glorify his name.

As we looked at this church, and felt its spirit, and thanked God for what he was doing through it, we knew that in its program were the true secrets of greatness. It is a Christ-centered church; a Bible-believing and teaching church; a Spirit-led church; a praying church; a church where love is lived; a working church; a church of faithful stewardship and sacrifice and a church with a program and a vision.

If the items listed in the opening paragraphs are necessary for a church in order for it to achieve greatness, then the number of Southern Baptist churches which can reach that distinction is limited indeed.

There are thousands of churches, however, which can do what East Baptist Church in Paducah, Ky., is doing, and in doing it they can fulfill the purposes of God, and know his "Well done."

In doing that, they will have achieved true greatness!



EVERLASTING KINGDOM

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Against Name Change

Dear Dr. Odle:

Again we hear of a name change discussion coming up in our convention, this time from Dr. Criswell. I wrote him a letter today telling my objections to a name change. I wrote you a letter some time ago in 1967 about the name change and I haven't changed my mind about changing a name that is synonymous with the preaching and witnessing to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I asked Dr. Criswell if we are ashamed to call ourselves Southern Baptists and to identify ourselves with the doctrine that created the Southern Baptists in 1845? Why change a name when it stands for the principles of the first people that were called Ana-Baptist centuries ago? The crimson thread that leads from the cross of Christ 2000 years ago to a people of the first century leads to a people called Southern Baptists today.

It is not a matter of sectionalism or what part of the country we are from, but what we are preaching and witnessing to.

A name change in my opinion is not what we need. We need to change men and not our name. We have come a long way as Southern Baptists in 129 years, and we as Southern Baptists still have a long way to go in presenting the gospel of Christ to lost men. That's our task as Southern Baptists and let's be proud of the name, and work while there's still time, because the Lord is not going to tarry for long.

Philip West  
304 Fieldmark Lane  
Brookhaven, Ms. 39601

### Grateful For State's Concern For Montana

Dear Dr. Odle:

Thank you for the marvelous help you gave us during our Montana Fellowship. It was a real pleasure to be associated with you again and also to see the good pictures you printed in the Record. There is no way to express adequately how much Mississippi's concern and contributions have helped here in the Lord's work.

Curtis R. Ellis, pastor  
Emmanuel Baptist Church  
Billings, Montana

## On The MORAL SCENE...

**CHEATING** - "What is the best way to deal with cheating? A controlled experiment involving three college sociology classes... tested the relative effectiveness of trust, moral appeal and the threat of punishment. The only method that worked was the threat of punishment. According to Charles R. Tittle and Alan R. Rowe, cheating among students who were simply trusted to be honest... was astonishingly high... Resorts to moral appeal actually raised the level of cheating... The threat of being caught and punished, however, lowered the cheating level." - Intellectual Digest, June, 1974

**Magazine Dropped** - "Three denominations have announced decisions to end publication of magazine dealing with issue in contemporary society." Trends, a United Presbyterian bimonthly, Colloquy, produced by the United Church of Christ, and Event, published by the American Lutheran Church, are being taken off the market. At least two of the magazines have recently come under criticism for their discussion of controversial issues. A circulation drop also influenced the decision to terminate Trends. - The Christian Century, May 22, 1974

**NOT SO FUNNY** - In a recent interview, playwright George Axelrod was asked by reporter Mike Wallace why authentic American humor is dying and why the writer of comedy is a dis...

horrible way, life itself has become pretty much of a joke. And you can't make a joke on a joke."

Margaret Halsey, The New Republic, April 27, 1974

## A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

James had preached the previous week near Tupelo. I met him for the weekend in Memphis. On Easter morning I would return home, and he would go to preach at Covington, Tennessee. On Saturday afternoon we visited my aunt who is still recuperating from very serious injuries received in an automobile accident last fall, ate and roamed through a store or two. When we came back to our motel for the evening, James brought in the suit he intended to wear Easter Sunday and carefully locked the car, just outside our room.

Noises indicated a capacity occupancy for the motel, and our sleep was interrupted by the noise several times; however, we felt rested enough to face the day at getting-up time. Facing the day soon meant facing a real crisis.

When we went outside to put our overnight bags in the cars, preparatory to our separate trips, we found that someone had used a bent coathanger, which they insultingly placed right beside the car for us to find, to open the door lock of James' car, after which they stole his clothes - winter and summer ones, a new wheel cover we had bought for a boy's car, and James' attache case. When we reported this to the police, we learned it is so common that the department does not even investigate, simply makes a record of its having happened. Sure, we were too trusting and should never left the belongings in the car. We're aware of that.

The clothes were a real economic loss, but they have been partially replaced and will eventually be fully replaced. The wheel cover can be replaced. But the contents of the attache case were irreplaceable - expense account records, personal letters, a collection of years of humorous and touching experiences James had made notes of toward the day we plan to try our hands at writing a book together. These things were not valuable to whoever took them - probably they were dumped into a wastebasket or garbage can or ditch by a pair of hands calloused with greed and selfishness.

James and I have talked several times about how often something like a good name or a good reputation, peace of mind, or sense of security, which means so much to one individual is stolen or damaged by another person to whom the name or reputation of frame of mind means nothing. Sometimes deliberately, sometimes carelessly. The thief in Memphis intended to get the clothes, wheel cover, and attache case, worth dollars to him on a quick sale or pawn; he didn't intend to get papers and notes, worthless to him. But when he did get them, he did not bother to place them so that we might recover them.

Makes me think everyone ought to be more careful about what belongs to other folks, especially those intangible - yet - felt things that are so fragile. - Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

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## New History Of Southern Baptist Convention Now Ready

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION AND ITS PEOPLE** by Robert A. Baker (Broadman, 477 pp., \$11.95). A new, up-to-date history of Southern Baptists, written by one of the convention's most able historians. Dr. Baker has taught church history at Southwestern Seminary for more than thirty years. This is the first history of the convention to be published in twenty years, and brings the story up through 1972. In addition, however, this volume, in a much broader way than the last published convention history, gives a clear record of the background of the convention, with the story of Baptists in the South from their very first appearance there. Actually, the first 160 pages tell the story of Baptists from their emergence in England, through their rise in America, and their growth and development right up to the organization in 1845. There follows a rather full account of Southern Baptists through the 132 years from 1845 through 1972. The actual history is divided into four periods: A New Direction (1845-1880); War and Reconstruction (1880-1877); Recovery and Advance (1877-1917); and The Modern Era (1917-1972). The growth of the convention; its strengths and its weaknesses; its unifying forces and the divisive experiences; the controversies; the problems of expansion to new areas; the establishment of institutions and agencies and other developments are all carefully recorded, and skillfully interpreted. One very valuable feature is that the author has noted the Baptist establishment and advance in various sections and states. Statistics have been carefully checked and included. The book is well indexed for easy reference, and fully annotated for historical record. This is a book which should be read by pastors and laymen alike for a better knowledge and understanding of their convention, and for reference. It should be in church libraries, so that it will be available to a wide readership. Announcement has been made that it will be offered at a 20% discount at the Book Exhibit in Dallas.

**SPEAKING IN TONGUES: LET'S TALK ABOUT IT** by Watson E. Mills (Word, 162 pp., \$4.95).

A pro and con discussion of the glossolalia issue. A selection of a number of scholars look at glossolalia (tongue speaking) as it is found in history, in New Testament, in the history of Christianity, and in modern Christian life. Other scholars analyze the meaning of the phenomena and seek to give a perspective as to how it should be dealt with in modern churches. This is not a book for or against tongues, but seeking to discuss the whole issue from both points of view.

**THE VISION** by David Wilkerson (Spurlock, 145 pp., pocket book paper, \$1.50). David Wilkerson, who is best known for his Cross and Switchblade experiences, writes a book of prophecy concerning what he sees

as happening to the world today. His prophecies concerning a flood tide that could become a doomsday are very startling and will not be accepted by every reader. Nevertheless, this gifted spiritual leader will give the reader some serious thought, and perhaps some grave concern.

**THE POWER OF PRAYER TODAY** by George A. Buttrick (Word, paper, 73 pp., \$1.95).

Many years ago Dr. Buttrick, who is one of the best known liberal preachers of our day, wrote a widely used book on prayer. In this smaller treatise on the subject, he examines prayer from the point of view of the needs of modern man and shows how it is necessary and meaningful in the Christian life. Practical answers are given on the way of prayer.

**MIRACLES AND PARABLES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT** by R. C. Trench and others. (Baker, 427 pp., \$6.95). Reprint of Expository Outlines for more than 100 sermons, supplemented by carefully selected comments by eminent pulpit masters and Bible expositors. This selection will assist many preachers who may want to balance their preaching from the New Testament with messages based on Old Testament texts.

**THE HANDS OF JESUS** by John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord, 150 pp., \$3.00). This volume includes several other "moving" sermons in addition to the book title by the well-known author and evangelist. The author implores his readers to "let us learn more about the dear Lord Jesus." He says "Let us stand with bowed head at Calvary" and "Let us sit with John the Beloved in the cave on the Isle of Patmos..." We believe the heart of the reader will be blessed as he reads from this author who writes out of a wealth of experience.

**MINISTERIAL LIFE AND WORK** by W. H. Griffith Thomas (Baker, 236 pp., \$2.95). Another in the series called "Notable Books on Preaching." Another great preacher of a past generation, writes on the minister and his ministry.

**THE CHRISTIAN'S HANDBOOK OF PSYCHIATRY** by O. Quentin Hyder M. D. (Squire, 203 pp., paper, \$1.25). Principles for understanding mental and emotional illness. Presented from a positive Christian point of view.

**JONATHAN, OH, JONATHAN** by Lu Neil Iselt (Time Light, paper, 85 pp., \$1.25). A sequel to the best-selling Jonathan Living-

**I'M NO HERO** by Ethel Barrett (Regal, paper, 150 pp., 96c). Bible stories come to life as they apply to problems of modern people. People of old had the same problems we have today.

**STUDYING ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSONS** April-June, 1974, by Herschel H. Hobbs. (Convention, paper, 128 pp.). The quarterly edition of the author's largest lesson annual.

**6,000 CLASSIC SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS** by Elton Foster (Baker, 791 pp., \$8.95).

This book contains a carefully prepared anthology of sermon illustrations. They are arranged by topic for easy reference and use. If one should wish to speak on the subject of "conversion" he would find at least 39 illustrations on that subject. (This book was formerly published under the title, 6000 Windows for Sermons.)

**THE ONE AND ONLY YOU** by Bruce Larson (Word, 141 pp., \$4.95).

Each of us is unique, says the author, but each has a vast potential when he puts what he has into the hands of God. The author shows how to find yourself, live up to the potential God has given you and to claim his strength and guidance for the future. This is a very practical volume which will help a lot of people find answers to problems in their lives and to find the way to get the best out of life.

**TONIGHT THEY'LL KILL A CATHOLIC** by R. Douglas Wead (Creation House, 115 pp., \$4.95).

A moving story of the tragedy of present day Ireland where Catholics and Protestants and British soldiers battle day by day and night by night. The author risked his life to visit the area, talk to participants, and to seek to understand the tragic situation. He found hope in some who are trying to bring peace through the hand of God. This is an unforgettable picture of one of today's greatest tragedies.

**FUTURE HOPE** by John Wesley White (Creation House, 149 pp., \$4.95).

A series of messages delivered on the Canadian television series. All are on texts found in the opening chapters of the Gospel of John. They deal with Christ as the answer to man's need in the present world. That world is shown as being in deep trouble, but spiritual answers are given.

**DAILY CELEBRATION**, Volume 2 by William Barclay (Word, 28 pp., \$5.95).

Brief devotionals for every day of the year. The author is one of the best known preachers and writers of our day and his books are widely circulated. These devotionals are warm and personal and spiritually provocative.

Lectures delivered in a Methodist church in Little Rock which present the task of the church and of Christians as following Christ and doing what he did in reaching and ministering to men.

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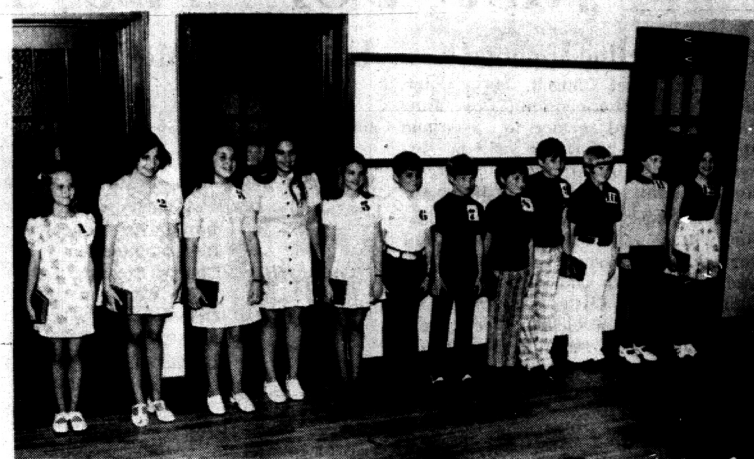
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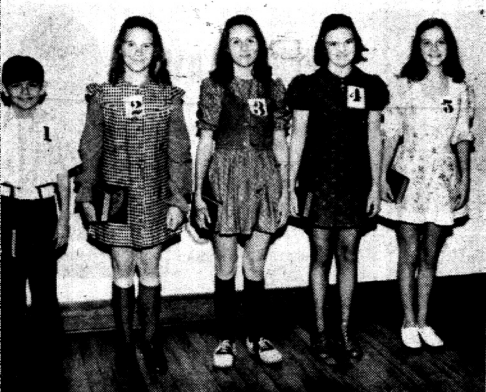
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GROUP V: 1-4 NORTH CALVARY; 5-10 CALVARY. Dianne Anderson, Sheila Johnson, Donna Kendall, Debra Kendall, Carol Parker, Jerl Conn, Sherlon Patterson, David Bridges, Stuart Antrim, Stephen Pate.



GROUP T: 1-11 BRIARWOOD. Renee Gilmore, Chris Ward, Debbie Gilbert, Maura Harrell, Jone Whitley, David Durham, Rebecca Whitley, Ginger Shamblin, Dianna Gathings, Kim Clark, Mark Clark.



GROUP O: 1-8 FIRST TUPELO; 7-12 ECRU. Deborah Nimmmons, Patti Lee, Janet Bray, Paul Megginson, Brad Simpson, David Vinson, Todd Willis, Danny McGee, Rodney Joseph Willis, Lisa Wilder, Rebecca Anne Willis, Lisa Browning.



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GROUP U: 1-4 NEW SIGHT; 5-6 MT. PLEASANT; 7-9 BROADWOOD; 10-12 PARKWAY. Day Wright, Tawanda Hatcher, Stephen Lee Wright, Stan Wright, Samuel Monette Jackson, Mary Ann Toney, Cathy Hale, Carol Reeves, Rachel Kerr, Michele Stewart, Christy Head, Christi Klincek.



GROUP S: 1-3 ANGUILLA; 4-6 ALTA WOODS; 7 HILLCREST; 8-11 O'ONIAL HEIGHTS. Paul Bouler, Amanda Smith, Bob Smith, Pam Kinsley, Marlynn Seward, Scott Seward, Mary Lea Bratton, Amy Leggett, Lisa Walters, Peggy Dendy, Rebecca Fortenberry.



GROUP J: 1-2 FIRST COLUMBIA; 3-9 CALVARY; 10 FIRST COLUMBIA. Cheryl Suzanne Carley, Carol Kemp, Anita Ray, Anita Wilson, Denise Adams, Lori Arinder, David Lee Wiggins, Daniel Ray Wiggins, Dwayne Adams, Randy Williams.



GROUP L: 1-5 FIRST PICAYUNE; 6-9 MAGNOLIA STREET. Bill Vanderver, Eddie Vanderver, John Duncan, Rhonda Tapley, Connie Mitchell, Cheryl Denise Graham, Teresa Reeves, Debbie Carmichael, Lesbia Byrd.



GROUP B: 1 LONGVIEW HEIGHTS; 2-3 OAKHURST; 4-6 FIRST COFFEYVILLE; 7-10 FAIRHAVEN. Laurie J. White, Cathy Pratt, Jill Arnsperg, Myra Clay, Jennifer Chapman, Lori Brower, Greg Aldridge, Ricky Looney, Tony Hall, Sherry Johnson.



GROUP F: 1-4 FIRST MOSS POINT; 5-8 CORINTH. Jimmy Taggart, Charlotte Sandifer, Danna Walker, Denna Walker, Lori Jones, Lisa Kaye Walker.



GROUP I: 1-3 HIGHLAND; 4-8 FIRST GULFPORT; 9-11 EASTLAWN. Glenda Warren, Dawn Allred, Vince Sparks, Angela Kay Traylor, Kerry Nance, Stanley Smith, Mark Holmes, Jerry Nance, Beth Hudgins, Genice Armstrong, Tina Hudgins.



## Mississippi Newsbriefs

## Just For The Record

## Griffin St. Homecoming

Griffin Street Church, Moss Point, will observe Homecoming Day, June 16, with revival service to continue through, June 21. Dinner will be served followed by afternoon services, and no night service on the 16th.

Rev. Ernest Rockwell, former pastor, will be evangelist. Mr. Rockwell served Griffin Street from 1958 to 1967 and now is with Oak Grove Church, Bonita. Jimmy Little, a former minister of music for Griffin Street, now with East Moss Point, will direct the music. All members and former members are invited, says Rev. Athens McNeil, pastor.

## Phila. (Lincoln) To Hear Missionary At Homecoming

Sunday, June 16, homecoming services will be held at Philadelphia church, Lincoln County, 15 miles west of Brookhaven on 550 highway.

Dr. Ralph V. Calcutt will be the speaker. A missionary in Japan for over 20 years, he is a native of this community.

Lunch will be served at noon; everyone is invited.

This is a very old church, celebrating its 105th anniversary.

## Six At Second, Greenville, Get Scout Awards

Sunday night, May 26, Second Church, Greenville recognized six young men who received the "God and Country Award" during the evening service.

All six who received the award are members of Scout Troop 49 sponsored by Second Church. The God and Country Award consists of a minimum of a year's study conducted by the pastor in helping these boys to know more about God, the church, and their country. The God and Country study was taught by Rev. Roy D. Raddin, the pastor, who received a plaque from the scouts in appreciation of his work.

The six boys who received the award were: Billy Evans, James A. Newton, Jr., J. Y. Smith, III, Billy Terry, Tommy Terry, and Larry Vaughn. Also during the evening service, James Terry, chairman of the deacons and scoutmaster for Troop 49 of Second Church, received a plaque in recognition of his 30 years' leadership in scouting.

## Union Calls McCoy

Rev. G. A. McCoy recently began his pastorate at Union Church, Pearl River County. It is his second time to be pastor there.



A native of Alabama, he received his education at Clarke College, Louisiana College, New Orleans Seminary, and Mississippi State University.

He has conducted revivals in Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Florida, and in pioneer areas including Montana, Indiana, and the state of Washington. Former pastorates include: First Church, Houma; Union Church; Crestwood Jackson; Jupiter (Simpson), and Clinton Boulevard, Jackson.

He is married to the former Lynn Baker of New Albany. They have two children. Paul, a graduate of Mississippi College, and Lynette, a graduate of Hinds Jr. College.

## Called To Clear Creek

Rev. Kenneth McMillen recently began his pastorate at Clear Creek Church, Lafayette County. He moved to Clear Creek from Spring Hill Church in Calhoun County where he had served as pastor for four years.

While he was at Spring Hill, the church paid off a new pastorage and completely remodelled the auditorium. He also served as associational Church Training director for eight years and youth director for six years of Calhoun County Association.

Mr. McMillen is a May, 1974 graduate of Blue Mountain College with a B. A. in Bible and social science. He is married to the former Sarah Brand of Calhoun City; they have two daughters, Angela 12, and Lynn 10.

German forces demanded Polish surrender after reaching Warsaw on Sept. 17, 1939. On the same day, the Soviet Union invaded Poland and most resistance stopped. Germany and the Soviet divided Poland into German and Russian areas on Sept. 28, and a week later the last Polish forces surrendered.

## Juniper Grove Welcomes Pastor

Rev. Kenneth Rhodes, formerly pastor of Brewer Church in Perry County, has accepted the pastorate of Juniper Grove Church in Pearl River County, and has moved on the field.

He and his wife, Elaine, and their two children, a son, 2, and a daughter, seven months, were welcomed to the church May 12 with a reception and pouncing at the close of the evening worship service, in the Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Charles Hamlett, chaplain, Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg, was interim pastor at Juniper Grove from September, 1973, until the last Sunday in April, 1974. Under his leadership, the church set up and began the rotation of deacons plan. Dr. Hamlett's first pastorate was at Juniper Grove in 1938-39.

## Calvary, Vicksburg Calls Pastor

Calvary Church, Vicksburg, announces that Rev. Charles Funderburk is now on the field as their new pastor. He went to Vicksburg from Harris Chapel Church, Cherokee, Ala.

Mr. Funderburk, a native of Shreveport, holds a B.A. from Louisiana College and Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

He and his wife, Ginger, have two children, Jeffery, six, and Angela, two.

## Nigerian Dies, 6 Injured As Lightning Hits School

OKUTA, Nigeria - Six young Nigerian students were injured and one was killed when lightning struck the Baptist Secondary School here recently.

The six injured received shocks of varying degrees. One of them was prostrated by the stroke, but Miss Helen Masters, Southern Baptist missionary, was able to revive him with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The body of another young man was not found until after dark. This young man had practically been raised by Miss Hattie Gardner, emerita Southern Baptist missionary.

## Names In The News

Rev. Joe Waggener has accepted the call of First Church, Crystal Springs, to become education director and assistant to the pastor. Mr. Waggener went to this staff position from the pastorate of Calvary Church, Bogue Chitto.



He is a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi College, and received the M.R.E. degree from New Orleans Seminary in 1973. Son of Rev. Sam Waggener, a Baptist pastor in Mississippi for many years, he is married to the former Carolyn Moore. Mrs. Waggener is a graduate of Mississippi College and Belhaven College. She is also a graduate of New Orleans Seminary where she received the degree of Master of Church Music with a major in vocal performance. The Waggeners have two sons, Jody and Josh. Rev. Estus Mason is pastor at Crystal Springs.

Dr. John W. Landrum, retired pastor living in Clinton, underwent surgery early last week on his legs, at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson. Later in the week he called the Baptist Record office to say he was doing "just fine." He was to be in the hospital a week or ten days, so should be home by the time this issue is released.

New officers for the Mississippi College Faculty Club have been elected for 1974-75. Dr. Bob Shurden, assistant professor of Bible, has been named president, while Dr. Paul Ohme, associate professor of mathematics and coordinator of academic computing, is vice-president, and Mrs. Virginia Quarles, instructor in English, is secretary.

Teresa "Tootie" Thornton has been accepted by Roundaway Church, Sunflower County, to serve as summer youth director.



Tootie is a member of First Church, Belzoni. She has just completed her freshman year at Mississippi Delta Junior College and is planning to return next fall. She has become an active member of the B.S.U. there and was elected to serve as vice-president for the coming year. Rev. Howard Quinley is the pastor.

Rev. John Kyle Mycliffie field representative in Atlanta, Georgia, has taken a leave of absence to accept appointment as coordinator of Mission to the World, the mission agency of the National Presbyterian Church in the U.S. As coordinator he will head up the foreign mission work of the new denomination. His service in the new post begins June 1.

Max Lyall, noted concert pianist and assistant professor of music at Belmont College, Nashville, has been elected to the faculty of Golden Gate Seminary as assistant professor of church music. Lyall will move to Mill Valley to join the faculty in the fall. This addition was made to the faculty in preparation for the master of church music degree program which begins in the 1974-75 academic year. Lyall is the accompanist for "The Centurymen," an internationally known choral group.

R. G. Beavers, father of Ernest B. Beavers, missionary to Indonesia, died in March. Ernest Beavers (address: Jl. Sukajadi 192, Bandung, Indonesia), a Mississippian, was born in Jackson and lived in Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Harper, Jr., missionaries to Colombia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Apartado Aereo, 51687 Bogota, DE, Colombia). Before they were appointed he was pastor of Bethel Church, Liberty, Miss.

Guy V. Cochran, father of Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb, missionary to Brazil, died May 7 in Dublin, Ga. Kolb (address: Caixa 221, 50000 Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil) is a native of Blue Springs, Miss.

Dr. Claude L. Howe Jr., professor of church history at New Orleans Seminary, has been chosen to appear in the 1974 edition of "Outstanding Educators of America." He is a native of Strayhorn, Miss.

Norman H. Gough director of public information at Mississippi College, has presented an appreciation plaque from MC to Roger Earl Ownby of WJXN radio in Jackson for the station's outstanding service to the college. WJXN provides the college with time for a weekly radio show, a program that has now been running for almost three years. The program features activities at the college and items of general interest.

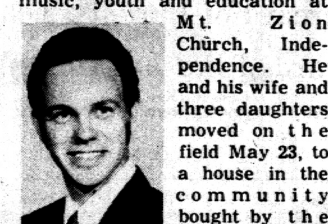
Cornelia Leavell, missionary to Hong Kong-Macao, has completed furlough and is expected to arrive in Hong Kong June 16. She may be addressed at 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong. The daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries, she was born in Tsingwa, Kwangsi Province, China.



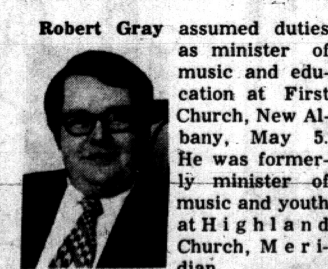
Rev. Gary M. Bowlin was ordained on April 21 at New Zion Church in Liberty, his home church. Mr. Bowlin is pictured on left, and Rev. Donald Bozeman of First Church, Jackson, Louisiana, is on the right. Mr. Bozeman preached the ordination sermon. Bowlin was licensed to preach at the First Church, Jackson, Mississippi last June, where he and his wife were both members. He is now a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Teresa Myers is summer youth director at First Church, Canton. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Myers of Aberdeen, she graduated from Mississippi College on May 19. While a student she was a missionary two summers with the Home Mission Board, in 1971 in Chicago and 1972 around North Lake Tahoe. Last summer she was youth director at East Louisville Church. Next fall she plans to enter Southern Seminary to study church-related social work. Rev. Fred Robertson is the Canton pastor.

Kenneth R. Hopkins has accepted the call of minister of music, youth and education at Mt. Zion Church, Independence.



He and his wife and three daughters moved on the field May 23, to a house in the community bought by the church at the time the church extended the call to him. Mr. Hopkins, native of Jonesboro, Arkansas, did his college work at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, and Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar, Missouri. On May 10 of this year he received his Master of Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. He has served as minister of music in Arkansas, and Missouri, and minister of music and youth in Fort Worth. He comes to Mt. Zion from Samuels Avenue Church, Fort Worth where he was interim minister of music and education. Rev. Roy Myers is pastor of Mt. Zion.



Robert Gray assumed duties as minister of music and education at First Church, New Albany, May 5. He was formerly minister of music and youth at Highland Church, Meridian.

Kenneth Ray Perkins, left, and Raymond Jones, center, both of Walnut Grove, were ordained as deacons recently in a service at New Zion Church, Leake County. Dr. Harold T. Bryson, right, pastor of First, Carthage, delivered the ordination message. Rev. W. C. Smith, not pictured, Leake County superintendent of missions, served as moderator.

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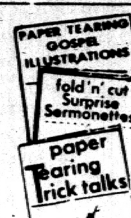
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# The Message And The Messenger

By Clifton J. Allen

1 Thessalonians 2:1-3

Paul was a peerless missionary, but he had a pastor's heart. His first letter to the Thessalonians breathes the spirit of pastoral concern. The apostle had much for which to commend the Thessalonian Christians, as the previous lesson indicated; but there were also matters calling for frank yet tactful treatment and necessary steps to resolve them. Some problem arose after Paul's labors in Thessalonica, when the church

came into being, which involved rumors and slanders against the missionaries and their preaching. Paul had been grossly misunderstood as well as deeply appreciated. Timothy had brought the report of an improved situation. For this Paul expressed joy and thanksgiving. But his letter sought to give the instruction and encouragement essential to a whole-some attitude toward the apostle and essential to a faithful witness to the gospel on the part of the church.

**The Lesson Explained**  
**COURAGEOUS PREACHING**  
(vv. 1-6)

Though the missionaries had been shamefully treated in Philippi, their

zeal was not dampened when they came to Thessalonica, neither had their courage weakened. They dared to preach the gospel in the face of opposition. But something had happened since that first visit. Paul obviously had been the object of criticism and some attack. The missionaries had not used tricks or schemes to get a hearing. They did not resort to guile, they refused to stoop to flattery, they were not motivated by greed, and they did not seek the glory of men. They made no demands on the Thessalonians for support, though they may rightly have done so as apostles of Christ. God had signified his approval of the missionaries

and their preaching by the conversion of both Jews and pagans as trophies of the saving gospel. Paul and his companions had preached with a sense of divine message; their motives had been pure from self-interest. Preaching in our time should be judged by the same standards. How often it is desecrated by gimmicks and flattery to obtain results, how often motivated by covetous concern and desire for praise!

**SELF-GIVING MINISTRY** (vv. 7-12)  
Paul's defense of his ministry in Thessalonica was clear and firm, but it was in no sense judgmental or

## NEW CHURCH TO OPEN AT CROSSGATES

The moderator of Rankin County Association, Rev. Eugene Dobbs, announces that the first worship service of the new Crossgates Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, June 16, at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on the corner of Woodgate Drive and Crossgates Rd. near the east entrance of Crossgates. It will be sponsored jointly by First Church, Brandon and Rankin County Association.



The public is invited to attend the worship services (to be held temporarily in the Chapel). Rev. J. C. Renfro, pictured, will preach each Sunday and work with the church until it is established.

Mr. Renfro also serves as director of missions for Rankin County Association. Rev. W. T. Baddley is pastor of First Church, Brandon.

## Hanging Moss To Show Film, "The Rapture"

"The Rapture," an exciting new color film that deals with Bible prophecy relating to the return of Christ, will be shown at Hanging Moss Baptist Church, Jackson, on Sunday June 16, at 7 p.m.

This film adds a new dimension to the ministry of David Wilkerson, a phenomenon of our times. Led by God into one of the more difficult areas of this country, he pioneered a Gospel ministry that is now worldwide. Again - led of God - he began writing and producing a best seller, *The Cross and the Switchblade*. Once again - David Wilkerson has a new field - motion pictures - and *THE RAPTURE* is the result.

At a time when a number of films are appearing on the subject of the return of Christ, *THE RAPTURE* is a low-key but highly imaginative portrayal of how a television network might possibly handle the spectacular catching away of millions of Saints with the chaos that would be the result.

While recognizing that there are diverse opinions as to the return of Christ, *THE RAPTURE* is a fairly accurate picture of how the people of science, a liberal clergy, and the news media would react to the sudden and unexplained disappearance of millions of people whenever it occurs in God's chronology of events.

By Bill Duncan

James 2:14 - 26

There is one thing the Lord cannot stand: profession without practice. John Bunyon drew a picture with sarcasm of a character called Mr. Talkative. "He talks of prayer, of repentance, of the new birth, and of faith; but he knows only to talk of them. I have been in his family, and his house is as empty of religion as the white of an egg is of flavor."

We need to remember that life happens at the level of actions, not words. What we say is useless unless it is in agreement with our actions. We are what we do. What we do is the real answer to what we mean and intend.

James gives a perfect illustration of demonstrating an active faith. Suppose a man needed clothes to protect him or food to eat. Suppose his friend expressed that sympathy but it stopped with words. Will words alleviate the plight of the unfortunate man? What use is sympathy without some attempt to turn that sympathy into practical effort?

You may say, "I was saved by faith alone." And you are right. It was the grace of God and nothing you could possibly do to merit salvation. I agree that you were saved by faith plus nothing.

But now that you are saved your life is to show your faith by your works. Ephesians 2:8, 9 and 10 teach that one is saved "by grace and not of works lest anyone should boast. We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works." To be saved means that one is to be a doer of the word and not just a listener or a talker. Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, "Live that the world may see your good works." What he is saying is that talking can never take the place of doing the will of God.

A mere profession of faith is empty without proving it by good works. It is like the little boy that talked of baseball, wore the uniform, but never played to play.

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### SAVING FAITH

There are four kinds of belief that help one to have saving faith. (1) A belief of Him. This requires one to simply believe what He says. The trust must be accepted. (2) A belief about Him. This is belief about God, and what He has done for our redemption. This is to be commended. (3) A belief in Him. This requires belief not only in God's existence, but also in His power.

The first three are to be seen in the world in many different ways. Yet, they are incomplete to save one. (4) A belief on Him. Saving faith has the first three but the essential element of belief is that which rests on Him our case. A belief on is a committing of ourselves to Him. A belief on Him is very truly a working thing, a moving thing, a living thing.

The faith that saves is the belief that God exists and our love of Him leads us to obedience. We must not deceive ourselves with goodness, sentiment and orthodoxy for living faith.

### "SHOW ME" FAITH

A profession of faith and "show me" faith (exhibition), are both right, but there is a difference in saying and showing. "Show me" faith can stand alone but saying cannot.

James said "Shew me thy faith without thy works and I will shew thee my faith by my works." The words "shew me" means bring to light, display, or exhibit. Dr. Earl Kelly quotes someone as saying, "faith is like calories. You can't see them, but you can see their results."

You should know, "O vain man, that faith without works is dead," said James - 2:20. The words "vain man" describe an empty man. "A dead body is emptied of the real person. A thing can properly be said to be dead when it fails to respond to its environment. Needs exist in our world of today, and none of us can claim ignorance as an excuse for keeping back what should go to help others."

## Retreat For Parents, Teachers, And Mentally

### Retarded Persons Held At Camp Garaywa

Twenty-two teachers and twelve parents with their mentally retarded son or daughter attended a one-day retreat at Camp Garaywa on Saturday, May 25. They represented eleven churches over the state. These included: Calvary, Jackson; Calvary, Greenwood; Broadmoor, Jackson; First, Jackson; Alta Woods, Jackson; Calvary, Tupelo; Sattillo, Tupelo; Griffith, Jackson; Morrison Heights, Clinton; Woodland Hills, Jackson; and Ellisville, United Methodist.

Dr. Paul Cotten, Director of the Ellisville State School, led a conference during the morning session for the parents. Mrs. Doris Monroe, Consultant, Work with Exceptional Persons, Baptist Sunday School Board, led a conference for the teachers at the same time.

Teachers for the retarded persons carried out a well-planned and enjoyable funday. They helped the boys and girls enjoy such things as a treasure hunt, nature walks, basketball, and a picnic. The teachers for these individuals, under the direction of Mrs. Thomas F. Bryant of Calvary Church, Jackson, were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kershner, David Allen, Tommi Bryant, all of Calvary, Jackson; Mrs.

Jean Claire McCraney, Mrs. Clara Walker, Mrs. Kay Holliday of Alta Woods Church, Jackson.

The afternoon session for parents and teachers consisted of a film on the care and help for the mentally retarded and discussion of this as it applied to the group. The final part of the day was designed to help the adults relax and enjoy each other. A period of refreshments and games sent them on their way with the assurance that the retreat next year will be even better.

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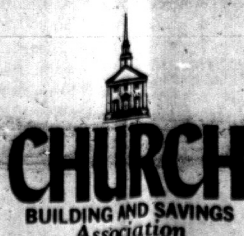


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marked by rebuke. His letter aimed at healing and reconciliation, whatever the problem which had arisen. He had sought to nurture the believers, like a mother caring for her children. Paul goes on to emphasize that his ministry in Thessalonica represented the full measure of dedication. He and his fellow workers gave their very selves. They worked night and day for their own support to avoid being a burden, though they actually had a right to support, and to avoid criticism that they were preaching for personal gain. Also, their behavior in Thessalonica had been above reproach. And with fatherly care, they admonished and encouraged the Thessalonians with instruction and exhortation, urging them to lead a life worthy of God. The fruitage of that kind of ministry was the church in Thessalonica with its continuing witness for Christ.

### THE WORD OF GOD (v. 13)

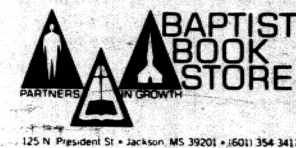
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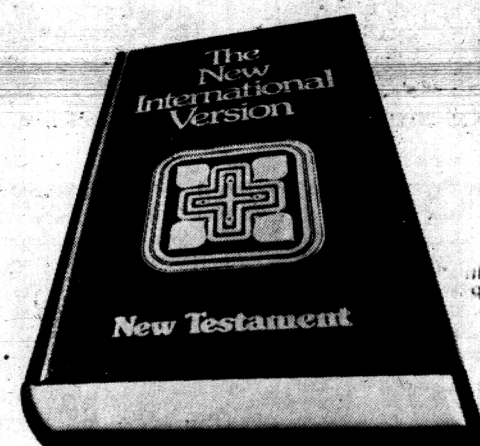
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## Southern Seminary Adds Ph.D.; Names New Professors

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here have approved the offering of the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in action highlighting the board's annual meeting.

The Ph.D. will replace the existing Th.D., which has been offered by the seminary since 1942, but it will not be the first time the Ph.D. has been awarded by Southern Seminary. Prior to 1942, the Ph.D. was the standard doctoral degree granted by Southern Seminary for some 11 years.

The trustee ruling also allows any Southern Seminary graduate who holds the Th.D. degree to exchange it for the new Ph.D. degree upon application to the seminary.

Two new faculty members were added by the trustees' action. Alan Culpepper, son of missions professor Hugo Culpepper, was formally elected as assistant professor of New Testament interpretation, a position he has held under appointment since February. He has completed the Ph.D. degree from Duke University.

G. Wade Rowatt Jr. was elected assistant professor of psychology of religion, after serving during the current academic year as instructor in the department. A native of Illinois, Rowatt is in the final stages of his doctoral studies at the seminary.

## Baptist Educators To Focus On Challenges Of Education

PINEVILLE, La. — Well-known educators and Southern Baptist leaders will focus on the needs, problems, and successes of Southern Baptist educational efforts at two meetings at Louisiana College here, June 23-26.

The intensive look at education will begin with the annual meeting, June 23-24, of the Education Commission, the Southern Baptist Convention agency which relates to 71 Baptist seminaries, colleges, and schools across the country.

The Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools (ASBSCS) set to begin with a 7:00 p.m. banquet meeting, June 24, will feature sessions of inspiration, problem-solving and planning for school administrators and will run through June 26.

The Education Commission meet-



### "Gift Of Song" Gives Benefit Concert

"The Gift of Song," Ole Miss Baptist Student Union ensemble, recently performed a benefit concert at the new Baptist Student Center in Oxford. The concert raised \$100 for the fund organized by students to help with construction of an interfaith chapel at the university. The group, directed by Clay Moore of Sardis, has performed throughout the state. Members of "The Gift of Song" are (front row from left) Bob Allen, Greenville; Pat Waller, Oxford; Steve Douglas, Hernando; Peggy Bumgardner, Oxford; Susie Noble, Brookhaven; Steve Brown, Tupelo; (back row from left) Lenny Bullock, Charlotte, N. C.; June Cochran, Olive Branch; and Leonard Roberts, Brookhaven.



### Bethel (Lincoln) Building Pastorium

Bethel Church (Lincoln) Bogue Chitto, held groundbreaking ceremonies for their new four-bedroom pastorium being constructed on an acre of land given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Elder Ray Moak (front row far left). Holding the shovel, left to right are: Bert Sasser, Jr., church treasurer; Earnest Wallace, Building Committee chairman, and Hilton Brown, chairman of Deacons. Rev. Douglas Benedict is pastor.

## Devotional

### "Where Are You, God?"

By Tom Hudson, pastor, Oak Forest, Jackson  
Hebrews 13:5—I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.  
He said, "I felt like God had deserted me." He was talking about a deeply tragic, personal experience in his life. Have you ever cried out in your soul, "Where are you, God?"

One morning I watched part of "Captain Kangaroo" with my kindergarten aged son. The Captain and Hippo were playing hide-and-seek. But Hippo played a trick on the old Captain. Instead of hiding in a certain place, he hid by standing right behind the Captain. Everywhere the Captain would go, Hippo was very careful to stay right behind him. With mounting frustration the Captain searched in vain to find his friend. He began to feel alone. But he wasn't.

Do you think God would play such a trick on us? Certainly not. Why then do we sometimes feel like He is gone? Maybe it is just that we have turned away from Him. He is behind us all right, but not because He is hiding. We are turning to other solutions, other sources of help... or we are perhaps looking in directions that seem sensible to us... directions from which God has chosen not to help.

Or perhaps that isn't it at all. Howard Butt once shared in a message how fatigued he would get in travel. He said he had learned to get up from a night of insufficient sleep and pray, "Lord, I feel terrible this morning, and I don't feel that You are anywhere within a million miles of me. But I thank you that You are right here with me, no matter whether I feel You or not."

It seems to be that this is what "walking by faith" is all about. Where is God? He says that He is with His children. Believe Him... and thank Him that He will never leave you or forsake you.

## 43 From State Graduate From New Orleans



James M. Porch, Doctor of Theology; Gordon Sansing, Doctor of Ministry; J. Roy McComb, Doctor of Ministry; Buford Easley, Doctor of Ministry.

Forty-three students from Mississippi or serving churches in Mississippi were among the 106 persons to receive degrees or diplomas from New Orleans Seminary May 18 during spring graduation exercises. Four of those who received doctorates are pictured above. Pictures of others were not available.

The students, listed by degrees, are:

Diploma in Pastoral Ministry: Harold Archie Bell, pastor of Silver Springs Church, Osyka; John L. Cutrer, son of Mrs. Hattie Cutrer of Osyka; and Herbert J. Nettleton, pastor of Crosby Church.

DIPLOMA IN CHURCH MUSIC: Jack Cochran, a native of Columbus and minister of music for East End Church, Columbus.

MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEGREE: James Rowe Blakeney Jr., a former resident of Hattiesburg; May Elizabeth Campbell, a native of Mississippi and graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and William Carey College; Mrs. Rachel Stevens (Lamar) Crocker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Stevens of Noxapater; Guy Ronnie (Ricky) Gray, son of Rev. and Mrs. M. A. (Guy) Gray of Florence and pastor of Cato Church in Mendenhall; Mrs. Sherry Lang (Allen B.) Parnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Lang of Magnolia; James Ronald Mitchell pastor of Derby Church and BSU director at Jones Junior College, and son of Mrs. Mame Mitchell of Corinth; Cynthia Love McGee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. McGee of Jackson; and Gary Brent Shows, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Shows of Ellisville and minister of music and youth for New Palestine Church in Picayune.

MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE: Jack Blackburn Bailey, pastor of Cash Church in Lena; Jerry Franklin Bishop, pastor of Freeny Church in Carthage and son of James A. Bishop of Philadelphia; Steven Neely Brown,

son of S. N. Brown Jr. of Starkville; David Charles Gilliland, pastor of Fair River Church in Brookhaven; M. Wayne Griffith, pastor of Sylva Church in Wesson and son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Griffith of Brookhaven; Eugene Gullett, pastor of Pine Grove Church in Livingston and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gullett of Blue Springs; Samuel Ray Henry, son of Mrs. T. F. Henry of Gulfport; Otis Luther Hinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hinton of Corinth; Woodrow W. Horn, pastor of First Church in Houma and son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Horn of Golden; Avery Morgan Jones, son of H. E. Jones of Charleston; Daniel Jones, pastor of Antioch Church in Lottin; Billy L. McCreary, pastor of Unity Church in West and son of Mr. and Mrs. John McCreary, also of West; Allen Bert Parnell, pastor of Sarah Church and Askev Church, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parnell of Sardis; Paul Edward Robertson, pastor of Elmo Church in Fayette; John E. Sharp, Jr., pastor of Berwick Church and son of Mildred

Sharp of Madden; Charles Ray Tarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tarter of Hernando; James R. (Jimmy) Walker, pastor of Riverside Church in Clarksdale and son of Mrs. Janie Walker of Coldwater; Ralph Edward Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Williamson of Clinton; and Lambeth Woodward, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Woodward of Jackson.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY DEGREE: Joseph M. S. Anderson, son of Dr. and Mrs. William J. Anderson, Jr. of Meridian; and Charles W. Stockett Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stockett of Woodville.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY — HONORIS PROGRAM DEGREE: Clinton Earl Ellis Sr., pastor of Como Church in Bay Springs; Robert W. Spradling, pastor of Magnolia Church in Van Cleve; and Eugene J. Wigley Jr., pastor of Shaw Church.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY DEGREE: Ronald W. Cherry, pastor of Steep Hollow Church in Poplarville; Buford Easley, son of W. E. Easley of Houka; Leonard E. Gandy, son of T. B. Gandy of Jackson; J. Roy McComb, pastor of First Church of Pearl and son of W. O. McComb of Mathiston; and Gordon Sansing, son of Rev. and Mrs. L. Gordon Sansing of Meridian and pastor of First Church, Marks.

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY DEGREE: James Milton Porch, son of Mrs. J. M. Porch of Pelahatchie, pastor of Northside Church, Clinton.



## Missionaries On Furlough At Clarke

Rev. and Mrs. John I. Jacobs, missionary associates serving in Georgetown, Guyana, will live on the Clarke College campus during their 1974-1975 furlough.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs are alumni of Clarke. It was there on the Newton campus that they met. A native of Canton, Ohio, Mr. Jacobs went from Clarke to Mississippi College where he received the BA degree, and he earned the Master of Divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary.

Mrs. Jacobs is the former Jean Ann Given of Booneville. She attended Mississippi College after Clarke College days and later received the BS degree from Delta State College.

The Jacobs went to Guyana in 1969. Mr. Jacobs is missionary adviser to Baptist churches and missions in the area and in January 1973 he assumed additional responsibility as treasurer of the Guyana mission.

Mrs. Jacobs, a missionary homemaker, is adviser for Girls in Action—a Southern Baptist youth organization throughout Guyana.

Before they were employed by the Foreign Mission Board Mr. Jacobs had been pastor of Central Baptist Church, Eureka, Missouri, for almost three years. The Jacobs have two sons, John Jr., already adult, and Tom, the younger, 17.

The house formerly used as the Clarke College president's home is being prepared for the use of the Jacobs family. Dr. Compere, Clarke president, has received a communication from Mr. Jacobs stating that it will probably be during June that they begin residence in their furlough home.

After U. S. Army was routed by British expeditionary force of 4,000 men, Washington, undefended, was partially burned on the 24th and 25th

## Transactional Analysis Course At Carey In 3-Day Workshop

William Carey College will offer a special three-day workshop, June 12-14, on the Hattiesburg campus in transactional analysis. According to Dr. J. M. Ernest, academic vice-president, the workshop will be under the direction of Chaplain Robert Pierce of the Southern Baptist Hospital staff in New Orleans.

Two semester hours of credit will be offered. The cost is \$60. Dormitory space may be reserved. Enrollment is limited.

## Joins Staff At First, Columbus

Rev. William (Bill) E. Hardy, Jr. has begun his duties as minister of education at First Church, Columbus. Mr. Hardy and his family are moving from Kosciusko, where he

has served in this capacity since 1966. Former places of occupational service include First, Ripley, Tennessee; Midway, Fort Worth; First, New Braunfels, Texas; First, Westlaco, Texas; Woodland Hills, Jackson; and First, Kosciusko, where he has served as minister of education for eight years.

A native of Memphis, Mr. Hardy received his education at Raleigh High School, Raleigh, Mississippi, Mississippi College, and Southwestern Seminary, where he earned the MRE degree.

Mr. Hardy is presently a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; member of Brotherhood Commission, SBC, serving as Recording Secretary, member of Administrative Committee, and of the Executive Committee. He is also a member of the Pioneer Missions Committee.

He was former president, Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association; president, Hinds County Religious Education Association; for two years member of the Executive Committee of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mrs. Hardy is the former Barbara Ann Given, native of Ripley, Tennessee, and has been active in kindergarten work in Kosciusko. The Hardys have three children: Barry, a senior at Mississippi College; Beverly, a 1974 graduate of Kosciusko High School; and Bruce, age 12.

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## The Convention President Speaks

Recently, I read a most interesting article on the influence of teachers. This article was written by an extremely wealthy man in a high position, and with a great deal of influence. The article was in the form of a personal testimony on what teachers — in this case, school teachers — had done for him.

We have a great deal of focus on school teachers in the recent weeks. The purpose of this article is not to take sides with the controversial issue in regard to pay. My purpose is to bear testimony, too, that people who work in a classroom have had a tremendous influence in my life. My prayer is that all school teachers will realize the image they establish in the minds of their pupils.

At this time of year and the following months, we focus our attention on another group of teachers: namely, Sunday school teachers as nominating committees are at work. They, too, do far more good and have a far more reaching influence than many ever dream about. I shutter to think what I would have been had it not been for men and women who taught me in Sunday school.

I want to say a word of encouragement to these faithful workers when they might be discouraged. I also want to encourage you to take places of service when the opportunity presents itself. You will and have a vast influence, and we love you. — David Grant.

## Off The Record

### Hardly!

A larger than average woman stepped on the scales, not knowing they were out of order. The indicator stopped at 75 pounds.

A little boy standing by watched her intently. "Whaddaya know," he marveled. "She's hollow!"

### Good Measure

Asked how he had enjoyed a day's trip with some neighbors, a young boy replied that it was fine but that his friend's mother sure knew a lot of long stories. "She told one story that was 37 miles long," marveled the youngster.

"How did you know?" asked his puzzled father.

"Because," he replied, "I checked it on the speedometer."

"Do you believe in life after death?" asked the boss.

"Yes, sir," replied the office boy.

"Well, that's good," said the boss, "because after you took the day off to go to your uncle's funeral yesterday, he stopped in to see you."

Facing the jury, the judge asked angrily: "What possible excuse can you have for acquitting this man?"

"Insanity, your honor," replied the foreman of the jury.

"All 12 of you?" cried the judge.

One student to another: "That girl's so skinny that when she wears her fur coat she looks like a pipe cleaner!"

Customer: "I can't sleep at night. Sounds disturb me. And every night a cat on our back fence keeps me wide eyed all night." Druggist: "This powder will be effective." Customer: "When do I take it?" Druggist: "You don't. You give it to the cat in milk."

## Revival Dates

Mt. Zion (Leake): June 9-14; Rev. J. W. Walters, pastor, Walnut Grove; evangelist; Rev. Paul McDonald, pastor; night services only, at 8 p.m.

Forrest Avenue, Biloxi: June 2-8; Rev. James W. Haynes, pastor of Shelton Church at Mosselle, evangelist; J. R. Smith of Shelton, music director; Rev. Jim Haynes (father of the evangelist), pastor.